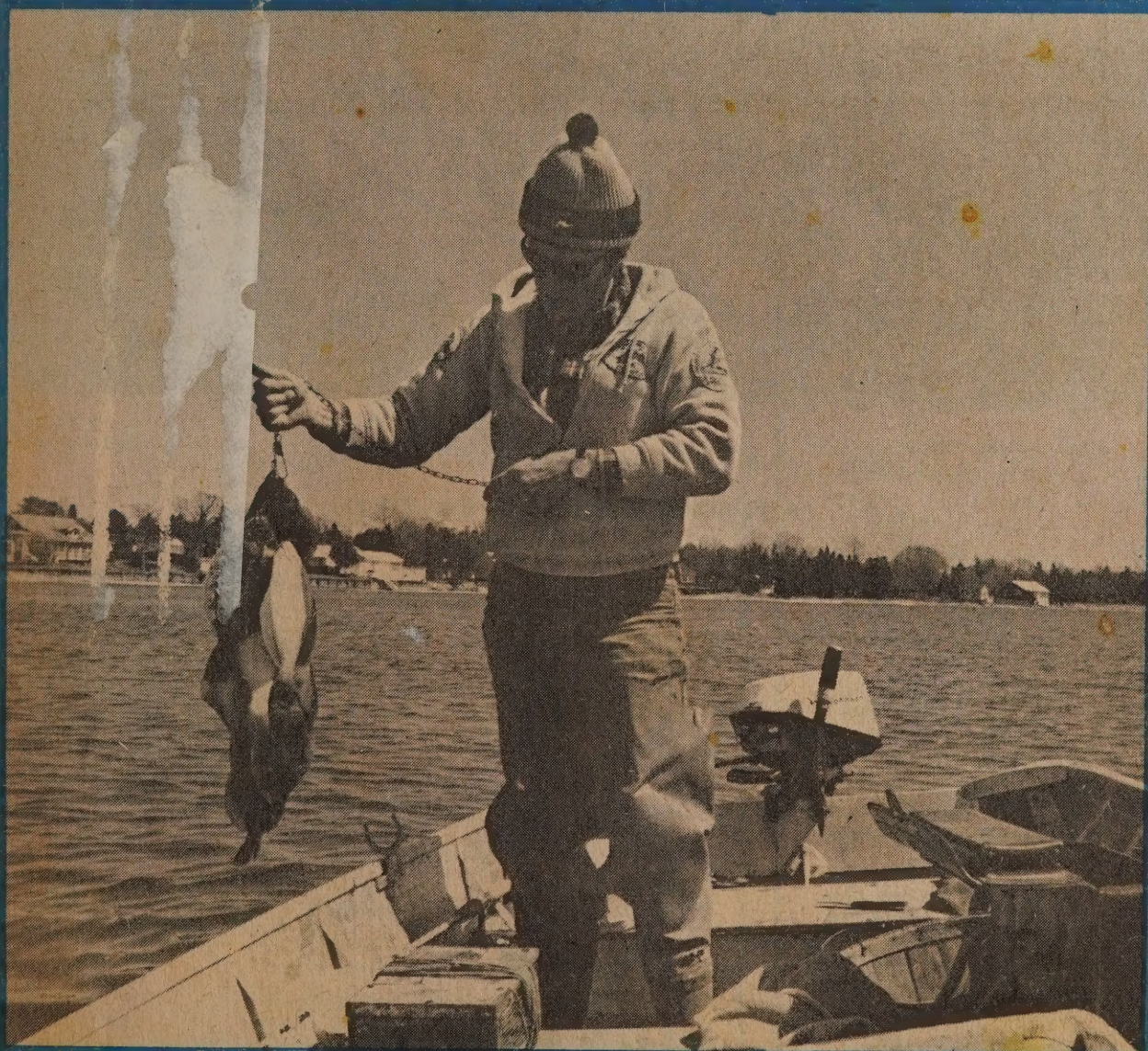




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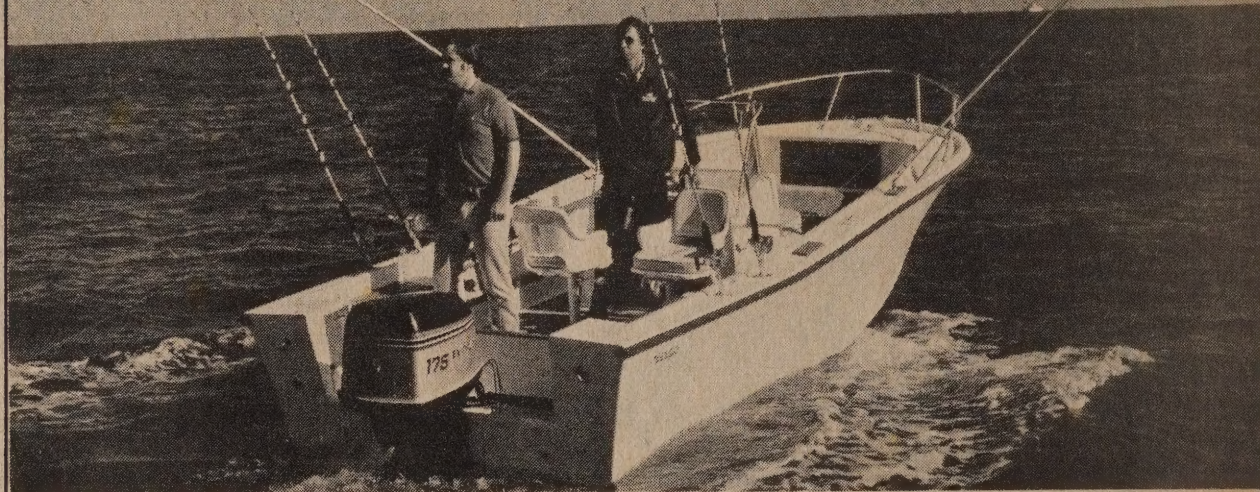
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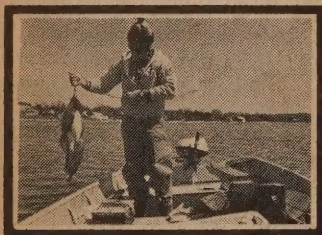
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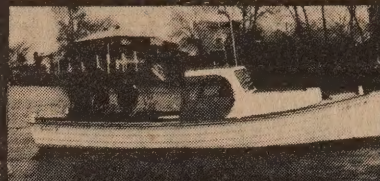
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The Long Island Fisherman is convening a meeting of representatives of the Long Island sportfishing community for the purpose of gathering ideas and feelings about a salt water fishing license. All open boat & charter boat captains, bait and tackle shop owners, row-boat station operators, and representative members of fishing clubs and organizations are invited to attend. The meeting is being held in the Holiday Inn in Plainview, exit 46 on the L.I. Expressway at 8 PM this Friday, March 18. We urge all interested parties to attend this meeting!



—IN MEMORIAM— Whiting Evans

It is with the deepest regret that we have to inform our readers that Whiting Evans, author of the "Casting Gourmet" column, passed away recently as a result of a heart attack. Whiting was a surfcaster of the old school, a "regular", honored by his peers with the naming of "Evans' Rock" at Montauk after him because of all the big bass he took from it. We'll all miss you, Whiting...

CLUB NEWS

ATLANTIC ANGLERS AWARDS

The Atlantic Anglers of Massapequa held their annual dinner and dance at the American Legion Hall, Levittown, NY on Saturday, Feb. 12th, '77. The awards for the '76 fishing season were given to the following members:

Bob Gordon for a 10 lb. 8 oz. fluke; Bob Gordon for a 11 lb. 15 oz. weakfish; Phil Bockeitti for a 17 lb. 3 oz. bluefish; Phil Bockeitti for a blackfish of 11 lbs. 3 oz.; Dan Viafore for a cod of 42 pounds 3 ounces; John Connell for a flounder of 3 pounds 2 ounces; Bob Gordon for a striped bass of 42 pounds 3 ounces; Bill Adamchak for a mako of 283 pounds; Jim Walters for another mako of 231 pounds; Pam Nolan for the Women's Day fluke of 4 pounds 3 ounces and Sean Nolan for Son's Day flounder of 2 pounds 2 ounces.

The Atlantic Anglers seeks new members. Interested fishermen either write or call membership chairman Jim Walters, 458 Broadway, Bethpage, NY. After 7 P.M. telephone 516 WE 5-3956.

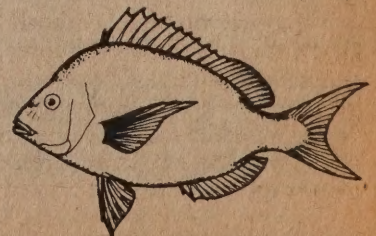
CO-OP CITY ANGLERS AWARDS

The Awards Committee of the Riverbay Sportsmen's Club proudly announces the winners of Co-Op City Anglers Awards as follows:

Len Wald for a blackfish of 10 pounds; Sally Love for a bluefish of 14 pounds 2 ounces; Bert Nival for bonito of 8 pounds 4 ounces; Henri Prosper for codfish of 54 pounds 11 ounces; Robbi Johnson for a fluke of 9 pounds 8 ounces and for flounder Martin Eckhause for a flounder of 2 pounds 12 ounces.

For pollack, Luigi Racanelli took the award for a fish of 25 pounds 8 ounces; Peter Rodriguez for a striped bass of 15 pounds 12 ounces from surf; Wesley Gray for weakfish of 11 pounds 8 ounces; Bert Nival for whiting of 3 pounds 8 ounces; John Kaspar for carp of 15 pounds 12 ounces; William Rood for a largemouth bass of 4 pounds 8 ounces; Ivan J. Krupit for a smallmouth bass of 4 pounds 1 ounce and Jack Paness for a trout of 3 pounds 9 ounces.

For best of species in Salt Water, Henri Prosper coped the award while in freshwater, best of species award went to Ivan J. Krupit.



Pass It On...

STATE EXPLAINS LOBSTER PERMITS

Donald J. Middleton, Long Island Regional Director of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, announced recently a change in New York's lobster fishing laws. NYS DEC has completely revised the permit structure. Previously there were just two types of permits: Resident and Non-Resident. There are now three types of permits: Resident Non-Commercial, Resident Commercial, and Non-Resident.

The fee for a Resident Non-Commercial permit has been set at \$5.00. It allows the holder to take no more than six legal lobsters per day for his own or family use. A holder of a Non-Commercial permit is allowed to fish no more than five lobster traps.

If any resident wants to take more than six lobsters per day, for any purpose, or if any resident wants to sell the legal lobsters he catches, or if any resident wants to fish more than five lobster traps, than he must get a Resident Commercial permit. The fee for a Resident Commercial permit has been

set at \$50.00. This cost is the same, or less than a Resident Commercial permit in many of the other states that harvest lobsters.

The Non-Resident permit has been increased from \$50 to \$75. Connecticut, with which we share Long Island Sound, charges the same for non-residents to fish in their waters.

Some people may be confused as to how legal lobsters may be taken. Lobsters may be taken only by lobster pots, traps, otter trawls or similar devices, or by skin diving, including the use of self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (SCUBA), or by hand. The use of spears, gigs, gaffs or other penetrating devices is prohibited.

Does a diver need a license? Yes. If a resident diver wants to take legal lobsters he must get the appropriate permit. If he takes six or less lobsters for his own or family use in any one day and does not sell or otherwise traffic in them, he may get a Resident Non-Commercial permit. If he takes more than six lobsters in any one day or if he sells or otherwise traffics in the lobsters he takes, he must get a Resident Commercial permit. A non-resident diver must get a Non-Resident permit.

D.E.C. TO ALLOW PROMPT REPAIR OF DOCKS

Issuance of a time-saving General Permit allowing prompt repairs to docks,

moorings and bulkheads damaged by this winter's extraordinary ice conditions in southern New York, was announced recently by Environmental Conservation Commissioner Peter A. Berle. Owners lands bordering tidal waters in the New York metropolitan area, Long Island and the Hudson River south of the Tappan-Zee Bridge are eligible. The only requirement is that landowners notify the Department in writing before work begins.

"We anticipate more than 5,000 requests for permits to replace an estimated 35,000 pilings damaged by ice and other causes this winter," said Commissioner Berle. "Processing such an avalanche of permits on an individual basis, the usual procedure, would cause undue delays and possibly economic hardship," Commissioner Berle continued. "The projects are minor in nature and will result in little or no environmental impact," he said. "The General Permit we are issuing allows only work consisting of repair or replacement in the same location and of the same size as the structures damaged. Changes in size, location or configuration will require individual permits. No tidal wetlands are to be disturbed under any circumstances," Commissioner Berle said.

The General Permit covers removal of damaged pilings, redriving or replacing openwork docks or pier piling and

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Surf Side

with Vito Orlando

Selecting Your Gear Part II Lines & Artificial

The rule of thumb, that there is no such thing as an all around rod and reel, also pertains to your line. Ten pound test cannot be used effectively with a big rod while fishing oversized plugs. The same holds true for light tackle. Twenty pound line should not be used on a Penn 710 while casting $\frac{3}{4}$ ounce baits. Not only will this heavy line hurt the action of your small plug, but casting it will be a problem. The use of 15 lb. to 20 lb. test is ideal with the big rod and 10 lb. to 12 lb. test is recommended for the smaller one. I would suggest the use of 20 lb. with the big stick and 12 lb. with the lighter stick to all beginners. As you become more apt at casting, lighter line can be used (15 and 10 lb. test respectively). This tip can save you not only many lures and plugs, but some money to boot.

Don't use any line heavier than twenty pound test as it will reduce your casting distance considerably.

Since our primary concern is with spinning tackle, monofilament line is the only type that should be used. It is not only smoother and tougher than other lines, but smaller in diameter, thus making it easier to cast. I mention this because last season I saw two anglers using dacron on their spinning reel. It was not micron, but dacron.

There are many brands of monofilament on the market today. Some are soft and pliable, while others are hard and somewhat more stiff. The soft lines are unsurpassed when it comes to casting, however, their softness makes them more susceptible to nicks and abrasions. This is particularly true when fishing around rocks and pilings, or when the surf is up, causing your line to constantly rub against the ocean floor.

The stiffer lines, although they reduce your casting distance a little, will resist fraying better than soft lines. Don't purchase those bulk spools that you see advertised for 99 cents. While you may be getting a great deal of line for your money, it simply is not worth it. The label may read 20 lb. test, however, this is the breaking point of the strongest part. If you were to examine it more closely you would find that it actually tests out at around 12 lb. test. It is not uniform throughout and that's why it is cheap.

Ande line is the overwhelming favorite among veteran surfcasters. It has the extra stamina to fight off abrasions and yet is very economical when compared to other brands. Be careful though, as Ande also makes a tournament line. The

tournament grade is one of those soft pliable lines and it is not recommended for hard surf casting. Regular Ande should be your choice. Read the label carefully before buying.

Even the best of lines will eventually become nicked or frayed. After a day in the suds be sure to cut back 10 feet before stowing your reel. No matter how much punishment you think your rod and reel take, it does not compare to the brutal torture that your line receives, especially the first 10 feet of it. When you consider that worn or frayed line is one of the major causes of fish loss, cutting back a few feet each time is a small price to pay.

Jigs, Lures and Plugs

I once read "That at the end of your line is where the game begins, and by the same token it can end just as easily there." And how true those words are. For no matter how superior your other equipment is, if you can't coax the fish to strike your artificial, you can't win the game. And after all, isn't that what it's all about—to catch fish.

Since space does not permit a complete and accurate coverage of the fish catching qualities of all the artificials on the market today, I will instead confine this writing to the jigs, lures and plugs most often used by Long Island surf casters.

JIGS. When fishing in sheltered waters, with light tackle, such jigs as bucktails, Tri-Fin Whiptails or Alou Bait-tails can be used. These jigs, when decorated with a piece of pork rind, can be real killers. As a matter of fact, Doc Muller, whom I consider to be a master with these types of artificials, strongly advocates the use of pork rind with them, and his results speak for themselves.

Jigs from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 ounce seem best for use with your light outfit. They can be cast rather easily and the softer tip of your rod helps to provide all the action that is needed. For use with heavy tackle, I would recommend jigs in the $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 ounce range. Again dress them with pork rind. These larger jigs though, appear to work best around jetties or other rock piles. At least, I have found this to be true.

White, yellow, amber, black, red or any combination of each seems to be the preferred colors.

These jigs can be used with good results for bass, bluefish, and weakfish. They can be used either day or night, in

or around marshes or in any moving water where it is sometimes necessary to get down a little deeper.

LURES. The term lure is usually associated with such items as the Hopkins, Kastmaster or other metals. They are very effective when casting into a strong wind, or when fishing in a rough surf. They come with a variety of attachments. You will notice a single or treble hook, some of which are decorated with a bucktail, or either yellow or white.

A single hook seems best, because it affords an opportunity to quickly unhook your fish and it may add an extra foot or two to your casts. Bucktails on these lures sometimes can make the difference especially with the bass or weakfish, so keep a few of them on hand. When bluefish are blitzing the beach stay away from the fancy tail hooks. They will be torn to shreds in a matter of minutes.

PLUGS. There are two basic plugs used by Long Island casters, swimmers and poppers. Each has its own separate action, which is designed to attract fish. While swimmers will do just that, swim; the popper depends on surface commotion to attract gamefish. Both however, have a special time and place. The swimmer will produce either during the day or at night, but the hours of darkness are much better. The popper on the other hand should be confined to the daylight hours.

REBELS AND RED FINS. The Rebel and the Red-Fin are the two most often used swimmers by light tackle casters. They resemble a small (or large) baitfish and have an enticing swimming action. Both are equipped with a plastic lip, that should not be tampered with. When retrieved at a slow pace they will swim on the surface, while a faster retrieve will send them down a foot or two. The Red-Fin comes in three variations while the Rebel makes a fourth. The most popular models are the floating and sinking models. The Red-Fin uses two barrel swivels attached to the hooks, to mark their sinking version. The Rebel, on the other hand, uses no such technique. Buried in the body of their plug is a lead ball. This supplies the weight to send it down to greater depths. The word floater or swimmer usually appear on the boxes. I say usually, because sometimes the plugs seem to get mysteriously switched. A good way to distinguish between a floating and sinking Rebel is to test them. While holding the plug and hooks in your palm, shake it a few times (care should be

taken not to hook yourself). If you hear the sound of a ball rattling, that it is a sinking model.

You will also notice a jointed version of both plugs. That is, their body is separated in the middle by two brass connectors. Tug on them before buying though, for they have been known to part at the wrong time.

Rebel also makes a swimmer that is known as a windcheater. It is effective when casting into a moderate breeze. Windcheaters come in two sizes, a 5 inch and a 7 inch. The word Windcheater is usually designated to the box. However, you must again re-check this. These type of plugs are fatter and heavier than Rebels of the same length.

When using the floating, sinking, or jointed models of each plug, the light tackle enthusiast should use either the four or five inch models. The seven inch versions can be used on the heavy rod.

Colors are very important when it comes to swimming plugs and the Rebel and Red-Fin are no exceptions. Silver with blue or black back, silver with yellow back, suit the Rebels just fine. Pearl and blue, red and white, and chrome with either blue or black back are ideal colors for the Red-Fin.

Next week...more swimmers, poppers swivels and snaps, etc.

Sinker Bouncing: GOLDEN TOUCH (Continued from page 10.)

back to my one for three.

As always, I watched his fishing methods like a hawk. There was absolutely nothing he did that I didn't attempt to duplicate, whether it was a slight jigging of the rod tip, or a stealthy lift as he felt cautiously for the weight of a feeding fish. I tried them all.

Sometimes my efforts succeeded—most times, they didn't. The flounders just seemed to gravitate naturally to him. I couldn't figure it out. But that's not surprising. I told myself that if I couldn't figure it out in forty years, I wonder what makes me think I've still got a chance everytime we go out? In no way. I'm convinced Nick has the golden touch now, more than ever—and that's all there is to it.

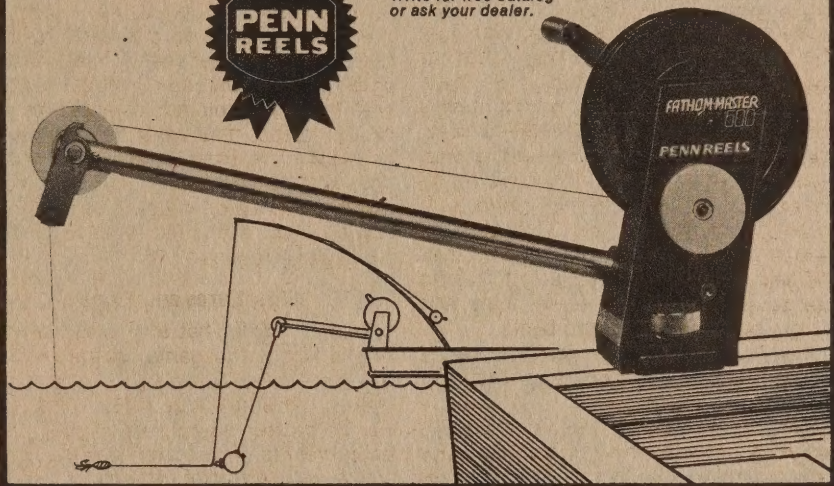
We fished for a while longer before we decided to quit. We had about thirty fair to good sized fish, with plenty of returns—mostly from my end.

To show Nick I was indeed foolish to think I could develop the touch, I ran the outboard on the way in. I consoled myself with the thought that I'd show him come fluke fishing time next summer. But I didn't have the courage of my convictions and so I kept quiet. Once again, I learned my lesson.

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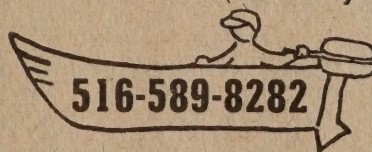
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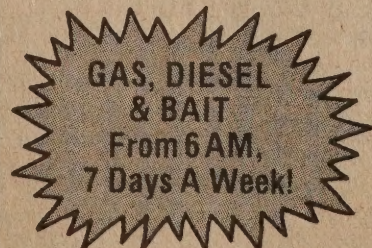
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The Fishing Bugs of Brooklyn are proud to announce that they collected over 600 signatures in a petition that they circulated against the proposed designation of new fish trap areas in the eastern part of Great South Bay. These letters of petition were received by the Corps of Engineers before the Dec. 9th, 1976 deadline. Project organizer Sal Terranova would like to thank all club members involved, especially Brett Ashpes, and Mike Maffai of Mike's Tackle Shop in Sheepshead Bay, for the help they gave. The club also thanks the staff of the Long Island Fisherman for bringing this matter to the attention of concerned fishermen. We would wel-

come any news as to the disposition of this matter.

Also, the Fishing Bugs would like to hear from any area Fishing club that is involved in any ecological project, as we would be glad to render any help possible. Please contact members Sal Terranova, 24 Bay 7th St., Brooklyn 11228 (212) CL 9-2539 or Sam Ballin, 507 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10017 (212) 682-2446.

SPORT FISHING SURVEY ON BLUEFIN TUNA

The Department of Marine and Environmental Science at C.W. Post College under the direction of Dr. Phyllis H. Cahn, Chairman, participated in a sport fishing survey on the Atlantic Bluefin Tuna.

This research was conducted with the cooperation of sportfishermen in major ports.

The results of this summer's work have contributed to our knowledge of the biology and distribution of the tuna. The bluefin tuna fishery is believed to be in trouble, as most of you know, but information gathered from studies like this will help biologists to understand parameters for proper management of the species.

Happily, this project will be continued this summer (1977) and Dr. Cahn is asking for the cooperation of offshore fishing clubs and fishermen. If you would like to help the researchers and the future of your tuna sportfishing contact Dr. Cahn as soon as possible at:

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Thank you for your help. **Dr. W.A. Muller**

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Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

The Man With the Golden Touch

Ever fish with a guy who made it look as if you weren't even trying? A guy who managed to fish circles around you everytime you went out? I have—and I know him well. His name is Nick Hauck and whenever we fish together, this superb fisherman seldom fails to regulate me to the little boy's class. No question about it—Nick's got the golden touch. He's truly a piscatorial Midas.

And this phenomenon is no one or two-shot deal. This has been going on for nearly forty years. It drives me crazy. Nick excels at all forms of sinker bouncing, but flounder fishing is his forte. I know when Nick decides to go for the flatties, he's coming home with fish; and you can bet that when I'm asked to go along, it takes no second invitation. I suppose there's a selfish reason behind my ready acceptance. I always have the forlorn hope of discovering the "touch". Try as I might, although, I've never been successful. Nick insists there is no such thing as a "touch" involved, but I know better.

For instance, like one day in late March last spring. We had decided to fish the Island Park section of Reynold's Channel near buoy nine. This particular area has been a favorite spot of ours for many years. (Even going back before my army days of the second World War.) It often produces good fluke fishing in July, too, but this day the buoy nine flounder fishing turned sour. Even chumming didn't help. We had five smallish flounder in the bucket, and Nick had four of them. Which, of course, is about par for the course when I fish with Nick.

We fooled around trying to coax the fish into a more receptive mood, but after a long interval without a bite, I reeled in, removed the mussel bait and put the rod aside.

"What now, Midas?" I asked, with the proper amount of dejection.

Nick reeled in and placed his rod in the bow. "I've been thinking...if you hurry

up and get that outboard going, maybe we can fish some of this incoming tide in Schaeffer's Creek. It's a little late in the year, but it's possible there's still some big fish there."

"Yeah? Well, I've been doing some thinking, too," I replied. "You might be right as far as the big fish go, and I'm willing to try it if you are. But this time, you run the outboard. I've been sitting here thinking maybe I just discovered your secret. I notice you let me run the damn thing everytime we go out—and now I know why, too. I'm the guy who always gets the gasoline smell and other gunk all over his hands. No wonder I don't have much luck."

Which, of course, wasn't fair to say. I'd been running the outboard on our trips for years. It's become the accepted thing between us and Nick no longer volunteers. But my burst of temperament showed my exact disposition and also that I was still busy ferreting out every possible reason for the poor results I'd been getting.

But as friends of long standing will, Nick took my poor sportsmanship and ill-temperment in stride. He relinquished his place at the bow without further comment and we were on our way to Schaeffer's Creek—a spot I've always enjoyed fishing. Some of my largest flounders and fluke have come from here. I've fished the area scores of times and only once has it failed to produce.

I offered no advice as to the best fishing areas. Nick's been fishing the creek a good deal longer and I knew there wasn't many fish-producing spots he didn't know about. We tried the mouth of the creek first. The water here is deeper than the rest of the creek, and I knew what Nick had in mind. He was hoping the deeper water might possibly be warmer and hold some fish. His reasoning was perfect. I immediately caught a double-header.

"Aha!" I cried triumphantly. "See.

What did I tell you. From now on, you run the outboard."

But my jubilation was short-lived. We got no more fish—not even a bite. We gave it a fair try, but that was it as far as that spot was concerned.

"Pull up anchor," Nick said. "We'll try the drain."

The drain is about a thousand feet into the creek, around the first bend, and on the west side of Garrett marsh. On high water, it's an excellent place for crabbing, or for the skiff fisherman wanting a fast supply of killies for fluke bait. It is also a marvelous rendezvous for flounders and fluke when the fishing is done in the deeper water right out from its mouth.

This is where we began fishing. Taking a tip from the slow results we'd been having, we chummed heavily around the boat. The tide, though still incoming, was slow-moving and we were certain most of the chum stayed put under the skiff—which we knew from past experience didn't lend itself to good fishing in this particular place.

It was then Nick started to select and crack the largest mussels he could find in the container. When he had a predetermined amount, he began to toss them up-tide, gradually decreasing the range and radius until the last few landed within five feet of my baited hooks. Because I was sitting in the bow, this should have given me the advantage. But it didn't.

Nick was at it again. He got the first fish, a good one about a pound and a half, plus the next three, each about a half pound apiece. Now, another fisherman under those circumstances would have been justified in saying: "I told you so." But not Nick; he just kept plugging away at the fish, keeping his comments to himself.

We continued to bucket fish for the better part of an hour, with Nick outfishing me about three to one. If there was a slight lull in the fishing, it was Nick who caught the available fish. It seemed the flounders had to be willing to take on all comers before I could connect.

I was getting exasperated to say the least. "Let's you and me change places," I suggested in desperation. "I want to try something."

Nick obliged like the gentleman he is. It didn't help, though. Those damn fish followed him right to the bow, and I was

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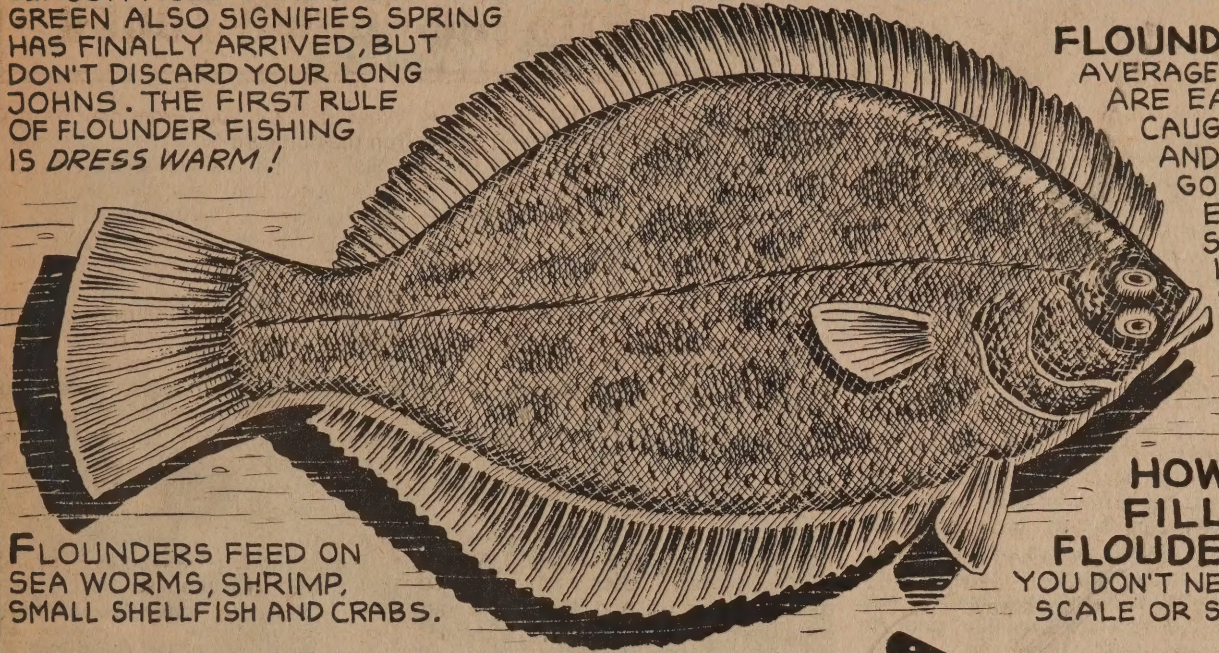
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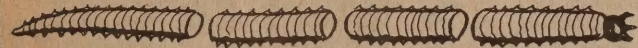
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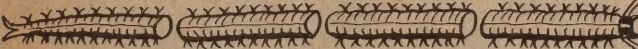
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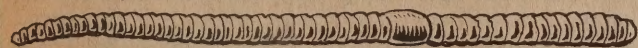
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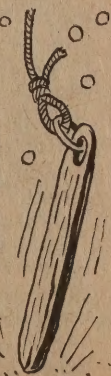


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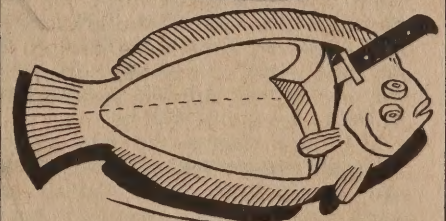
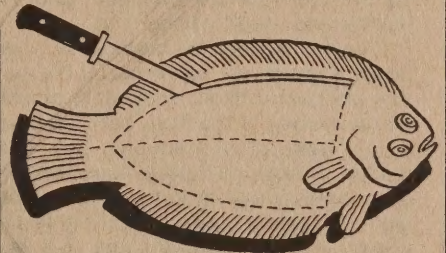
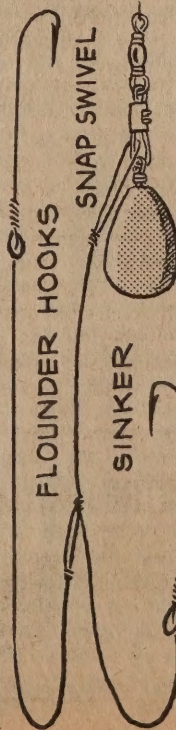
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Hookin' Up With Flounder

by Dr. William A. Muller

How do you set the hook to a flounder? Do you lower your rig and wait for a nibble? Perhaps you flick your wrist quickly in response to the bite and hope that you've hooked up. Maybe you use a different approach, one that is as unique as you are, or perhaps you lift the rod tip every few minutes once the baits are on the bottom.

But what percentage of your bites become fat flounders in the fish box? If you're typical, the ratio is about five to ten percent. Why is the percentage of success so low? The percentage of hook-ups out of hits for bass, blues, and weakfish can be as high as 90%. Actually, several factors are responsible for the low percentage of hook-ups: the feeding habits of the flounders, the size of the fish that are available, and the techniques used by fishermen.

Flounders feed by sucking in their food. They do not strike out at the bait the way gamefish do. They move quickly to the vicinity of the food, but stop short of it. Then, after a sniff or two, they inhale it. Now, since the flounders will not be turning or swimming away from you, and since they'll be facing in the direction of the pull of the line, it is easy to understand why the striking fisherman might pull the bait right out of the flatfish's mouth. Of course, we can't change the feeding habits of flounders, so we'll have to live with it.

We can't change the size of the flounders that are available to us either. Without question, small flatfish are more difficult to hook than large ones. Small fish may suck at the bait from any one of a number of angles. Because their mouths are small, the hook may never enter the mouth cavity. Furthermore, the sucking power of small fish is limited. Therefore, when they suck in a bait the fisherman may never feel the bite but his hooks will be cleaned. The rig, cleaned of its bait, may sit on the bottom a long time without the top-side angler wondering why the fish have stopped biting.

Finally, we come to something that we can change—our technique. Most fishermen's flounder techniques are not as sharp as they could be. They try to sink a hook so hard that I swear that one of these days they'll wrench the fish head free of its body. I think that whip-lash must be a common malady among inshore flounders. Neither unattended baits nor herky-jerky hook setting



Lift slowly until the flounder turns and tugs for the bottom. Then strike firmly.

approaches work well. It seems that poor striking techniques go hand in hand with poor chumming skills and the use of spreaders and other hardware.

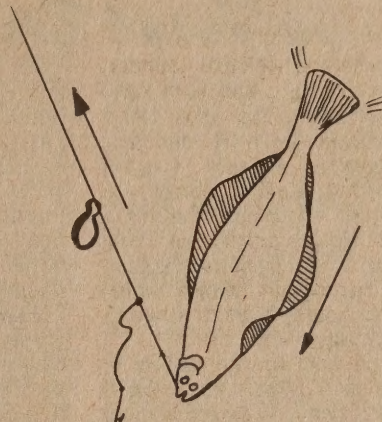
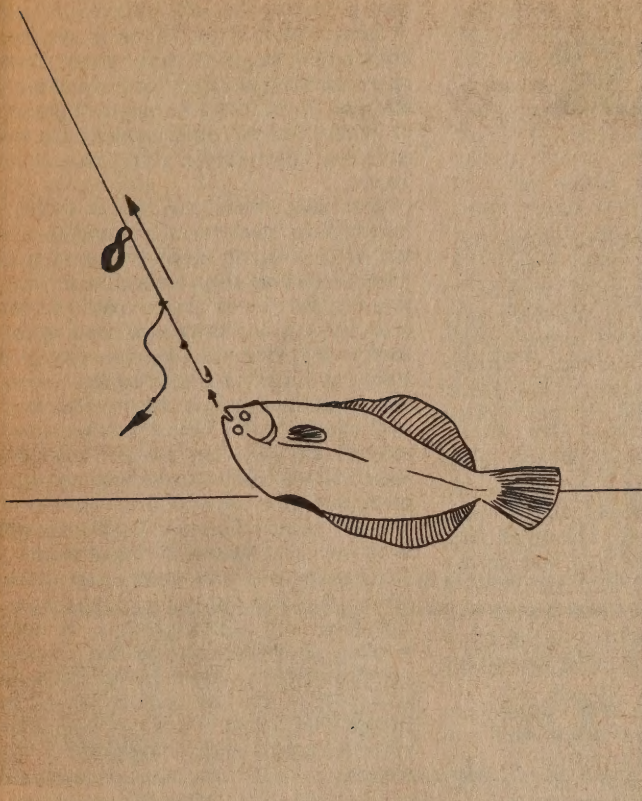
Begin your improvements with the rig itself. Do not use hardware! Use the two-hook tandem rigs that have been previously described in *The Long Island Fisherman*, *The Saltwater Sportsman* and my book *Fishing For Flounder*. The two-hook rig spreads the baits without adding weight. Second, use the lightest sinker possible that will still hold bottom. In still shallow water, a one-ounce sinker may be sufficient, but in deep water or in currents, a five-ounce sinker might be considered light. Heavy sinkers add drag when a flounder tugs on a bait and the drag may inhibit some strikes. Third, use the lightest line that you can. Heavy monofilament becomes stiff in cold weather and it may become difficult to keep 30 pound test taunt with a one or two ounce sinker.

With light tackle you will be able to feel the flounders, and that's exactly what is required—a delicate feel. Thus, do not wait for the bite. If you do, you may never feel the flatties below clean your hooks. Last fall I had a devil of a time keeping my baits on the hooks one day. I was baiting up and lowering away.

While the clutch of the reel was engaged the line was slack, but this time of slack line was measured in fractions of a second. I felt no bites but when I retrieved the rig in, the baits were gone. What I ultimately discovered was that the bottom was literally paved with very small fish. When the baits hit bottom they attacked the baits like the barbarian hordes. In order to solve that problem I had to keep the baits a good foot off the bottom. In this way the little critters were discouraged and the big boys had a chance to find it. Flounders are expert bait stealers. I recommend that you life the rod slowly periodically: five seconds may be right when the flounders are feeding with gusto, and as much as 30 seconds will do when the flatfish are sluggish.

When you life the rod you may feel a little extra weight, as if you snagged a piece of seaweed. Continue to life slowly. The flounders may be encouraged to gobble down the baits as they life off the bottom. Up to this point the fish is probably holding on to the end of the bait. However, if you should feel several tugs while you are lifting slowly, strike firmly with a short flick of the wrist. The tugs indicate that the flounder has taken the bait into its mouth and is

PULL THE HOOK OUT OF THE MOUTH - SINKING THE HOOK



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now trying to swim towards the bottom. Now the angle of the thrust of the strike and the thrust of the swimming flounder are in opposite directions. Thus, instead of pulling the hook free of the mouth the strike will drive the hook into the tissue of the mouth.

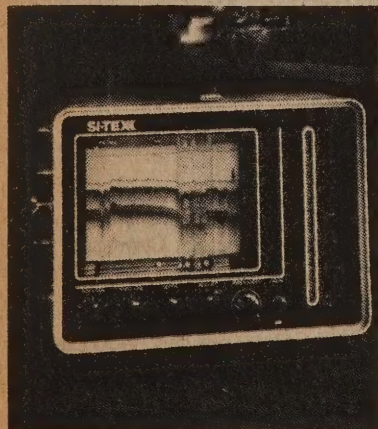
The same method should be used when you actually do feel a bite. Do not strike immediately. The direction of the

pull of the fish and the angler are on a direct line. Again, lift slowly so that the flounder will dive for the bottom and then you can strike the fish.

If you are fairly certain that small fish will dominate the catch use small hooks. Most tackle shops carry number 10 and 12 Chestertown hooks. If the fish will average about one-half pound use the number 12. It is also important to buy

the extra strong hooks. Less expensive hooks bend easily. Strong hooks are easier to remove from the mouth tissue too. Don't forget that no matter where you fish in the spring there is always a chance that a snowshoe flounder or early spring bass may find your baits, so the extra strong hooks are worth the investment.

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In Search of FLOUNDER

by Frank Berrafato

It was, for this writer, the typical early March fishing search for the winter flounder. Typical, yes, but the first man-fish encounter of each year is always exciting because it signals the end of the long winter wait and the advent of a new season. On this occasion, I was fishing from the banks of one of the numerous creeks which criss-cross Long Island's south shore in the Shinnecock Bay area.

A rising sun had slowly started to penetrate the cold March air. I wore several layers of heavy sweaters, hoping that the warm rays of the sun would eventually permit me to peel off at least one or two layers. I sipped some hot coffee. No action on the first few casts, but luck changed when the rod tip quivered, signalling the presence of a flounder nipping at the bait, and eventually swallowing the small hook. The first encounter had taken place.

The object of these early spring fishing trips, the flounder, is not a large or over-zealous fighting fish. He is a small, disc-shaped fish inhabiting the Atlantic waters from Labrador to Chesapeake Bay. Scientifically burdened with

a long name, *Pseudopleuronectes americanus*, he also bears some nicknames which are more descriptive of the mud some of these early flounders carry on their backs, and these names include "black flounder," "mud dab," "rough flounder" and "blackback." He is also called "spring flounder" or "winter flounder."

Besides his disc-shape, his chief physical oddity is that although he has both eyes on the same side of his head, he is not born this way. The small fish, as it emerges from the egg, has an eye on each side of the head, but within a few days, one eye moves across the forehead to a place closer to the other eye. This enables both eyes to be kept out of the mud.

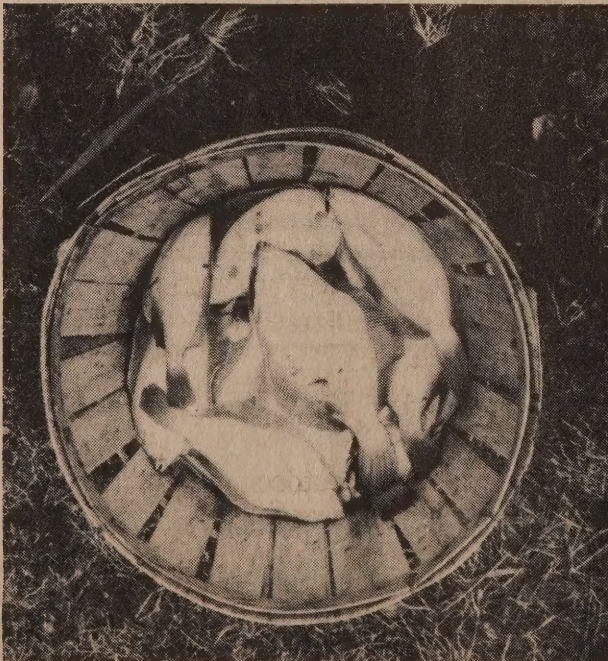
St. Patrick's Day is the traditional opening of the flounder season, but any unseasonably mild weather in late February or early March will bring the flounders out of the mud extra early. Long Island Sound provides shore and boat fishermen with numerous excellent early season spots such as Oyster Bay Harbor and Centre Island Beach (Bayville.) Further east, Wading River and

Promised Land provide many of the larger flounders. Along the south shore, Captree is one of the more favored spots, although most of the bays and channels along the entire shoreline produce flounders of all sizes. The shallows near the Robert Moses Bridge, where clambers stir up the bottom, is a usual early hotspot. My favorite areas are the maze of creeks, inlets, bays and canals—the protected backwaters along the south shore.

The bank of the creek from where I was fishing from was quite muddy, and my habit of going down to the edge to cast and then walking back several yards had created sort of a worn path. As the tide receded, the little area became soft and sloshy. Close examination revealed that the mud was reasonably clean, coal-black mud with a velvety feel to it, and spotted with tiny white particles, minute shellfish on which flounders feed. There were clusters of mussels throughout the area.

Early season flounder fishermen will soon become aware of the flounder's strategy of not hitting the bait hard, especially when the water is cold. I find that they tend to tap it lightly, or even swallow it without giving the faintest signal on the line. My favorite maneuver is to move the bait a few inches at frequent intervals, since this will often result in a hooked fish which are gently inhaling the bait. The trick is to give a short, steady pull, rather than an abrupt vigorous yank.

The flounder is quite an active fish while feeding. He depends on sight for such prey as small mollusks or crustacean on the bottom, and he can change location and direction four or five times a



A catch of early spring flounders taken from the inland backwaters on the eastern south shore.



Early season hot spot. Anglers line the bank of a narrow waterway which empties into a large bay.

minute. While actively feeding, they extend their eye turrets and move their eyes independently of each other. Upon sighting a prey, they will lunge forward (usually 4 to 6 inches) and downward in one quick motion. Mud, sand or debris incidentally ingested is expelled through the right bronchial aperture. If he does not sight any prey, he will move to another location, usually no more than one yard away.

The fact that flounders orient to prey by sight makes them move active feeders during the daytime. Anglers who take the time to examine gut contents of their fish will find that those caught just before sunrise will have empty stomachs but those caught later on will contain food. This indicates that food is not taken during the night. Gut contents will also reveal that flounders feed mainly on bivalve mollusks and gastropods (sea snails). Other food items include algae, annelids, crustaceans and sea anemones.

Flounders are sensitive to tempera-

tures. They are active and feeding in temperatures between 40 and 50 degrees F. At higher temperatures, they tend to be inactive, and will evidently avoid high temperatures by burrowing themselves into sand or mud which has a lower temperature than the overlying water. Prolonged high temperatures will cause the flounders to seek the deeper, cooler waters. This should be of special interest to Long Island fishermen, since the warm water outflows of power plants could pose a real threat to the flounder population in some of the inshore areas of the Long Island Sound. If the temperature drops below 40 degrees F, they will become sluggish or semi-dormant, burrying themselves in the sand or mud.

Within this framework of feeding habits and water temperatures, tides play a critical role for the flounder fisherman. The general rule is that in shallow water of 10 feet or less most fish are taken on the rising tide and the beginning of the drop. A slack tide,

regardless of depth, usually means slow fishing.

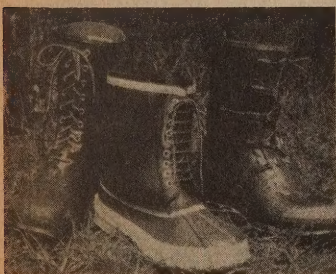
Tackle for flounders should remain on the light side and simple. A limber 6 foot spinning rod, and a small spinning reel loaded with 8 pound test mono is ideal for this type of fishing. I prefer to use the double-hook Canarsie rig. The double hook advantage is that a hooked flounder will often attract another flounder to his doom. Small bits of sandworms, bloodworms, mussels or clams will readily take flounders. A small Chestertown, long shank, hook weighted by a one or two ounce sinker completes the terminal rig.

The presence of flounders in early March, and even earlier in some areas provides sort of a warm-up for other species, the blackfish, striped bass, weakfish and bluefish, to name just a few. The flounder is not the most sensational fighter or gamefish, but the search and capture of the winter flounder will provide the first man—fish contact for Long Island fishermen.



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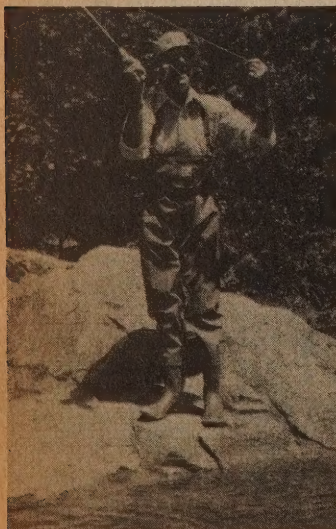
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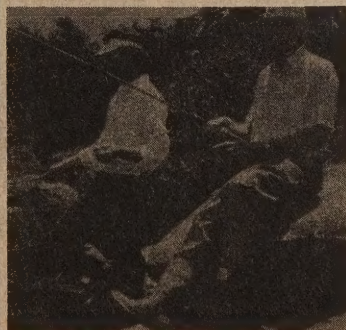
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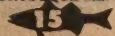
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by Al Ristori

The 200 mile limit came into force with a flood of publicity on March 1. Ironically, this was exactly five years after the Emergency Committee to Save America's Marine Resources was formed to fight for a concept that had virtually no backing in Congress at that time. There was only one bill in the House of Representatives then, and it had no cosponsors. Nevertheless, we took the first step by bringing the matter to the attention of Congressman Norman Lent (R-N.Y.), who introduced a bill the next week—and started gathering cosponsors. This brought about a flurry of activity that eventually led to the passage of HR 200 by substantial majorities. Key roles in the battle were played by the sponsors, Senator Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.) and Congressman Gerry Studds (D-Mass.), plus such concerned committee members (Senate Commerce & House Merchant Marine & Fisheries) as Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), Rep. Robert Leggett (D-Cal.) Rep. Edwin Forsythe (R-N.J.), Rep.

Matt Rinaldo (R-N.J.), Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-N.Y.) and Rep. Lent.

On the other hand, the real credit for passage of the 200 mile limit should go to the citizens who were concerned enough to write their congressmen about the problem. Emergency Committee members such as John Brown of Ocean City, Captain Howard Bogan of Brielle, Roy Mazziotta of Captree, Harry Wolf of Ridge, Capt. Paul Forsberg of Montauk, Jeff Lohr of Oceanside, and Bob Blanks of New York gave up a great deal of their time and effort in helping to spread the word about the 200 mile limit. However, we would have been just spinning our wheels if you hadn't written those letters. With no powerful organization behind it, and practically no money to work with, the 200 mile limit legislation was passed in four years. If you ever want an example of how democracy can work, this battle would make a textbook case!

The law isn't perfect, but with your help, we can make it work. Take an interest in the activities of the councils and let your representative know how you feel about fisheries issues. Congress provided us with a system that will permit those involved in the fisheries to actually manage them. How well that's done will depend not so much on the efforts of the council members, as on the input received from the public. You've gotten us this far—don't let us down now that we're nearing success!

At the conclusion of the Feb. 18th public hearing on the 200 mile limit in Ocean City, N.J., one of the audience told Congressman Hughes of an incident that had occurred in Cape May the previous weekend. It seems that this fellow had been at the dock when a commercial skipper of his acquaintance returned to port. Among the catch was a load of small porgies, some of which he took home—as the captain said they were too small to have any market value and would be thrown in the dump!

This gentleman said he was fairly well-to-do, but wasn't too proud to spend the time cleaning the small porgies, and wondered why the government was passing out food stamps and welfare checks while small, but edible fish were going to the dump for lack of a market. His point was well received, but didn't get to the crux of the problem. They key question should have been—"Why were these undersized fish ever caught in the first place?"

During the hearing, fishermen fre-

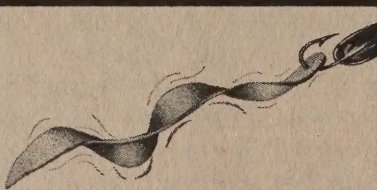
quently complained about the "vacuum cleaner" operations of the foreign fleets, and accused the foreigners of using small mesh nets. Though the Soviets would deny this, I've had first hand testimony to the truth of that allegation from Simas Kudirka, the Lithuanian seaman who tried to escape from a Soviet fishing vessel several years ago. Everyone agrees that it is wrong for foreign fishermen to be using small mesh and killing undersized fish—yet, many of our own fishermen do the same thing with impunity! Porgy stocks have increased somewhat in recent years, but are still well below the abundance we knew in the fifties. We face a serious problem in bringing back this valuable fishery due to the high, incidental catch in the foreign squid fishery. However, if our own fishermen persist in catching tiny porgies that they can't even market in mid-winter, then there's little hope for the future. Domestic regulation is a sticky subject that the regional councils will have to face up to quickly!

If you're one of the many northern anglers who had trouble catching bluefish last year, take heart—you've got company in North Carolina. After a steady climb in the size of bluefish over the years, that resulted in the minimum for a state citation being raised to 18 pounds, there now seems to be a trend downward. Only four citation fish were entered this year—and none made it to the previously commonplace 20 pound level. The largest was a 19 lb. 2 oz. chopper taken by Wilson S. Nyce, of Doylestown, Pa. This year the citation size will be lowered to 16 lbs. It appears that last year, relatively few schools of bluefish moved north of Barnegat Ledge, though fishing was good off the Virginia Capes and in Chesapeake Bay. A bit of hopeful news for this year—Joel Arrington reports that bluefish have been available in huge quantities on Frying Pan Shoals all winter, with commercial trollers often catching over 1000 pounds per day.



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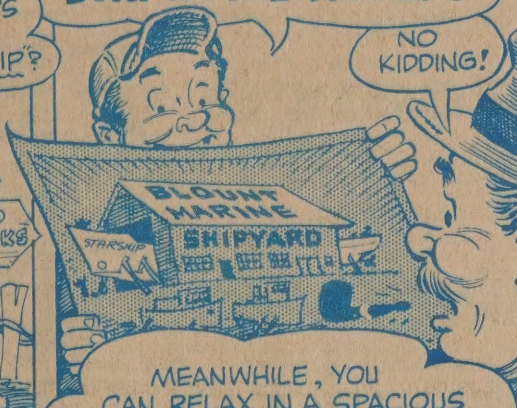
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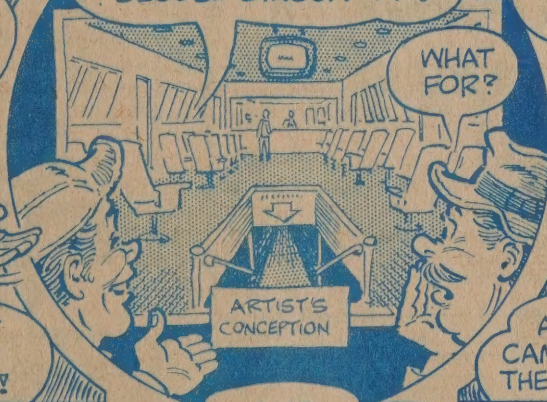
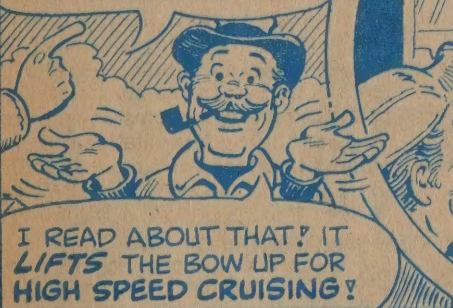
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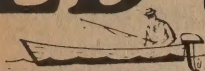


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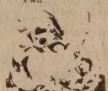
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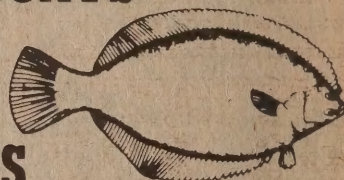
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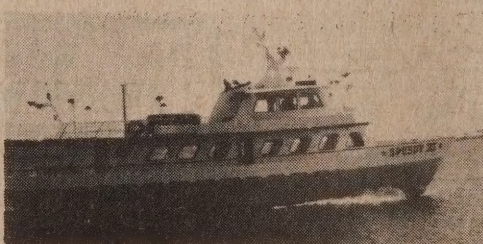
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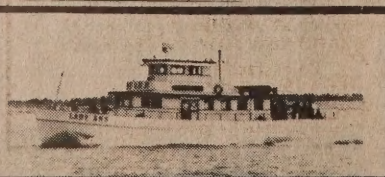
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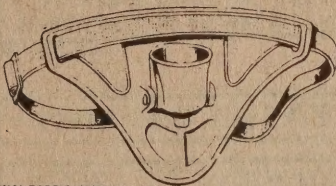
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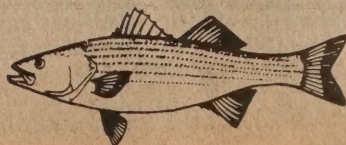
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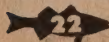
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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

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Captain Richard Rade of the new **Marlin IV** told us that the cod action was fair during the week, down on Saturday and picked up a little on Sunday when 50 fish were taken. The fish as a rule are still small, with a few in the 10 to 15 lb. class. But the fish have been moving inshore, and the best action is now concentrated around the Outer Cartwright Grounds. Setliners continue to do a job with fish in the area. One setliner had a catch of 900 pounds of cod in one day, with three fish over 40 pounds and one almost 50 and all the fish were "green." So there are plenty of fish in the area and it looks like a great spring run of fish could be in store in the very near future when they start taking the hook and line.

Captain Dick Vigilant of the charter-boat **Triton II** reported that his charter on



Shown here is Tony Cisco with the largest of many cod taken aboard the "Capt. Willie" out of Montauk. The Captain says this might be the beginning of a good spring run.

Sunday had a great, super, fantastic day at an undisclosed location. The charter loaded up on cod averaging 5 to 12 pounds with the pooler going 25 pounds. Dick also had a setline out the same day and took 18 cod on the 200 hooks in a short time. The high-hook was a dozen cod, and Dick said that it looked like the

beginning of the spring run of cod.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** said that the boat is now back on a regular daily schedule sailing open for codfish. Only Saturday over 100 cod, pollack and hake were taken at an offshore "secret Viking wreck." Ed Gelbstein of Howard Beach had a 46 lb. hake and Al Somblo of N.J. took a 41 lb. hake. Sunday's fishing was fair at the Cartwright Grounds, with 13 anglers boating about 30 cod. Paul said that the first Nantucket Wreck Trip is scheduled to sail at 9 P.M. on Sunday, April 10th, returning on Monday around 9 P.M. The fare is \$50 and reservations are a must with a \$25 deposit required. To make reservations, send a check or money order for \$25 to Viking Fishing Fleet, P.O. Box 497, Montauk, NY 11954. There's also a new boat that's going to join the Viking Fleet in the near future—the **Viking Starship**. For further details on the new vessel, see page 17.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tony's Fishing Station called in to report that the flounder fishing in Shinnecock Canal and buoys 7 and 11 was excellent on Saturday. One boat came back with 80 flounder from one to two pounds.

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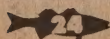
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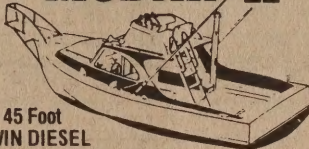
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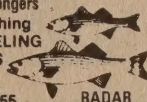
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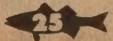
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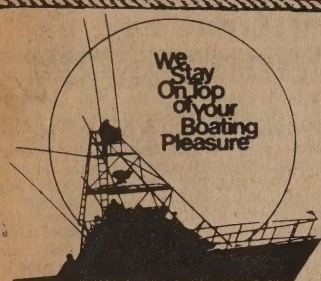
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MORICHES BAY

L & M Marine called in to report that over the weekend Barry Turano, Burt Lillie and Joe LaBarbera took over 100 flounder with 82 keepers. Fish went up to two pounds. Clam and mussel chum were heavily used. The fish were taken east of buoy 42.

For the exact locations, check with the marine.

Ed Grosynsky and friend Ralph took 140 flounder over the weekend. Most of the fish were between 1½-2 pounds with a dozen running up to three pounds. The fish were taken on bloodworms and clam chum, west of the West Hampton Bridge.

Seatuck Cove Fishing Station reports that Bob Henderson and Ed Galloway along with John Aufenanger Sr. and Jr. took 52 flounders on Saturday, fishing

buoys 42 and 44 with bloodworms and mussel chum. All nice fish up to 1¾ pounds. On Sunday, Ed Valh and Bill fished the same area, same way and had 49 flounder in four hours in the rain. Seaturck Cove Fishing Station will open this Saturday at 6:00 A.M. for the season.

BAY SHORE

Smokey's Bait and Tackle tells of one angler who had 25 flounder behind Good Sam fishing 6 foot of water on Saturday. This was Joe on his boat "Betty K" out of Bayshore. Worms, no chum. With chum he would have done a lot better. Good flounder fishing off Sayville also and a lot of flounder are being taken right now in the Shinnecock Canal which is loaded with flatfish. Watch for Smokey's 1977 weakfish contest.

CAPTREE

Captain Gordon Roman of the Captree Queen reported that the flounder fishing on Saturday was slow, with only 3 or 4 fish being taken per man. But the fish are all very good "filleting" size and the flesh is very firm. The fish seem to be moving around because those being caught are very clean, with no mud on them. Best area has been around the Heckscher flats at buoys 18, 20, and 24.

The Captain Rod has been sailing for flounder every day for a week now and has only had one throwback, which gives you an idea of the size fish being taken.

The flounder are all big. There just hasn't been enough of them to go around and they seem to be scattered throughout the bay with on concentration. The water is still cold, but the recent mild weather should be warming it rapidly and the fishing will hopefully take an upturn.

Captain Carl Bauer of the Captain Whittaker said that the fishing conditions were very poor on Saturday with a heavy fog blanketing the bay 90 percent of the day. The fish are all nice size and range up to 2 pounds, but the quantity isn't there. Best area has been the Heckscher flats with a slow steady pick of fish throughout both tides. Hottest around the changes and the beginning of the flood.

LINDENHURST

The Sea Horse reports that the flounder activity is patchy but good. 10 to 12 drops per day are required, but each drop produces fish, so at the end of the day, bags can be called good. Jim Bulit had 10 keepers, all nice fish up to two pounds. The fish are there, fat, healthy and spunky—much bigger than last spring's fish, which are being caught mainly on the flats.

Charlie's Bait and Tackle reports that the flounder have arrived and that he has seen several good catches. Bill Massi had a 14 ounce flounder and his son had a 13 ounce. Bill's was the first flounder of the season for the Squaw Island Fishing Club. Sharpshooter Joe Gialonza

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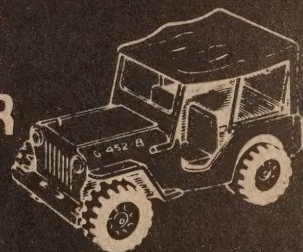
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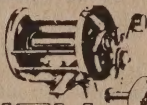
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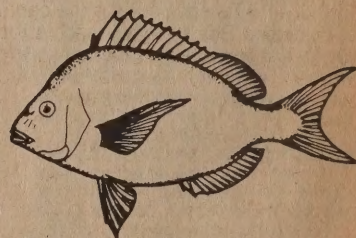
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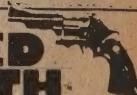
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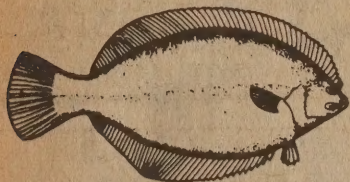
of the Babylon Tuna Club received his official letter from IGFA that he now has the official six-pound test record for weakfish with a 17 lb. 8 oz. tiderunner. This beat out Doc Grell's 16 pound brute.

MASSAPEQUA

Massapequa Tackle and Sports reports that the flounder busted loose on Saturday with 20 or more fish per boat common. Fish are all good size from ¾ to over two pounds. The ticket is bloodworms and lots of chum. Best area is the cut from Seaford to Amityville.

BELLMORE

Roy at Merrick Marine Supplies reports flounders although spotty, are being taken at Swift Creek and around Squaw Island on bloodworms and chum.



N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

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The **Starstream II** is now in the shipyard getting all shaped up and painted for the new season and will not be sailing until further notice. Watch their ad and this column for her return to duty.

The **Captain Al** had 100 flounder on Saturday which gives further proof that flounder season is upon us.

Hook Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle reports flounder are being caught in Baldwin Bay and Randall Bay on worms and mussel combos, with chumming a big help. Skimmers are catching flounders at the second Wantagh Bridge. Be sure to sign up for their Sea Robin and Bergall Tournaments.

ISLAND PARK

The **Ginnie Mae** informs us that they did pretty well on flounder Saturday with roughly 10-15 fish per man fishing Bay Park and Baldwin. Fish are mixed sizes going a little over a pound. Considering how early it is, there's a lot of action.

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JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Bait and Tackle reports pretty good flounder fishing with some fish up to two pounds taken at the North Channel Bridge, South Channel Bridge and generally all over the bay. The North Channel Bridge is the most convenient. Bait is blood and sandworms and the action is good.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Blue Sea II reports good whiting fishing roughly 38 miles from the jetty, about two hours. Catches are 15 to 20 whiting per man, and fish are of nice size from ¾ to a pound and up. The boat will stay with whiting until the mackerel arrive. A lot of bait is being seen in the water now.

The **Dorothy B** called us on Friday night to tell us that they had a great day. This day was Friday at the Navasink in

Jersey. High hook was 35 flounder with the fish going to 2½ pounds.

The **Pilot II** reports the flounder fishing in his favorite Jersey spots is good right now and the season is beginning nicely.

The **Zephyr** reports that he's doing good flounder fishing at the Navasink to the tune of 15-30 fish per man. Fish are ¼ to 2½ pounds. Wednesday and Saturday were good but Sunday just so so, due to the wind.

Capt. Fred of the **Amberjack V** tells us that the new steel-hulled boat with aluminum super-structure is expected to be in the bay by early June of this year. She'll be roughly 120 feet with three V-12 turbo-charged GM diesels. Fred's 80 foot all mahogany open fluke boat which is now under construction will be in the bay in about one month.

The **Helen II** is presently running to the Mud Hole for whiting to the tune of 20-50 fish per angler.

The **Elsie K III** has been doing very well with Jersey flounders with the pool each day going to an honest 1½ pounds.

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETTS POINT		BRIDGEPORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THUR.	6:00	6:25	6:49	7:12	6:37	7:02	7:34	7:57	10:04	10:28	9:29	9:49	5:46	6:07	3/17
FRI.	6:45	7:07	7:37	7:56	7:23	7:45	8:19	8:40	10:50	11:10	10:12	10:33	6:32	6:51	3/18
SAT	7:27	7:44	8:20	8:35	8:05	8:27	9:01	9:19	11:31	11:45	10:56	11:12	7:14	7:33	3/19
SUN.	8:04	8:22	8:58	9:14	8:45	9:06	9:41	9:58	—	12:04	11:35	11:51	7:55	8:14	3/20
MON	8:41	8:58	9:35	9:51	9:25	9:45	10:19	10:38	12:17	12:31	—	12:15	8:36	8:55	3/21
TUE	9:20	9:34	10:13	10:28	10:07	10:24	10:58	11:17	12:36	12:50	12:30	12:54	9:16	9:35	3/22
WED	9:59	10:11	10:51	11:07	10:45	11:04	11:38	11:57	12:57	1:14	1:08	1:34	9:56	10:17	3/23
THUR	10:37	10:55	11:29	11:48	11:28	11:41	—	12:24	1:27	1:50	1:48	2:16	10:38	10:59	3/24

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....-0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." -0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 8 ½ hours to this figure.

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Seaside Park	-0 33
Manitoking Bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Warehous	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	-0 20
Manahawkin Inlet	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	-0 01
Seven Islands	-0 12
Graving Point	+1 06
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	-0 26
Gl. Egg Harbor Inlet	-0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	-0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	-0 06
HEREFORD INLET	-0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	-0 02
Rahoboth Beach	-0 07
Shinnecock Inlet	-0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORRIS INLET	-0 56
Smith's Point	-0 14
Harts Cove	+1 30
Polunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0 38
Democrat Point	-0 38
Coast Guard Station	-0 19
Fire Island Light	-0 47

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eastons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	-0 03
Crane's Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 06
Mount Sinai Harbor	-0 08
Harold Point	-0 07
Matinecock Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	-0 20
Truman Beach	-0 42
Falkner Head	-0 13
Sachem Head	-0 10
Brantford Harbor	-0 07
New Haven Harbor	-0 08
Milford Harbor	-0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	-0 03
Saugus Rock Harbor	-0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	-0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	-0 14
Montauk Inlet	-0 25
Montauk Point	-1 13
Nanitic	-1 20
Stonington	-0 33
Thames, Mystic River	-0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	-0 01
Norwich	-0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

Little Neck Bay	-0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	-0 01
Hempstead Harbor	-0 11
City Island	-0 09
Rye Beach	-0 28
Port Chester	-0 09
Mamaroneck	-0 08
New Rochelle	-0 24
David Island	-0 02
CAPE MAY POINT	-0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
Sachem Head	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	-0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mission Point Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

Jersey City	+0 07
Gao, Washington Br.	+0 48
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Claiborne	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 18
Newburg	+3 42

Sakonnet	-0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	-0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bridging	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 18
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	-0 08
Point Judith Harbor	-0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	-0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

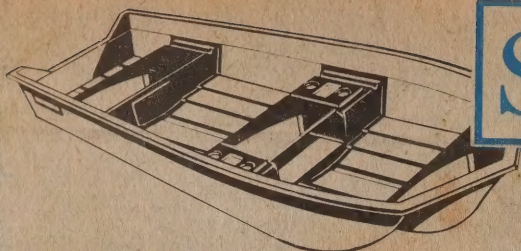
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3/19	3/27	3/5	3/12

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The schedule of solar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM	PM
	Minor Major	Minor Major
THURS.	5:00 11:50	5:35 12:25
FRI.	6:00 12:25	6:35 12:35
SAT.	7:10 1:30	7:40 2:00
SUN.	8:15 2:35	8:45 3:00
MON.	9:15 3:35	9:45 4:05
TUES.	10:20 4:40	10:50 5:05
WED.	11:20 5:30	11:40 5:55
THURS.	—	6:15 12:15

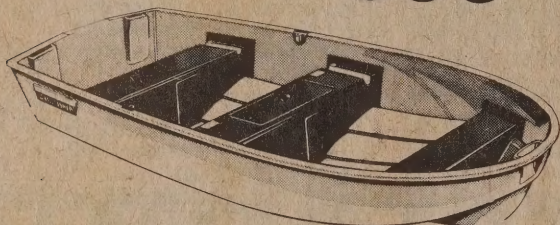


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Sears Tri-Hull Gamefisher

Lightweight molded fiber glass tri-hull. Forward casting platform. Center seat, 2 storage wells.

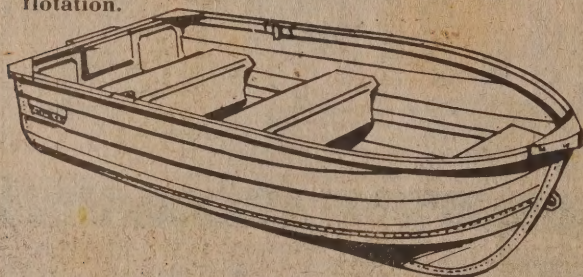
Sold Last Year For \$629.99
599⁹⁹



Sears 12-Foot Gamefisher Boat

1-pc. molded fiber glass hull, cooler/bait well, rod/oar and lure/hook storage. Polystyrene foam flotation.

329⁹⁹



12-Foot Riveted Semi-Vee Boat

Sturdy aluminum boat is riveted for rigidity. 600-lb. total capacity. Wooden motor mount.

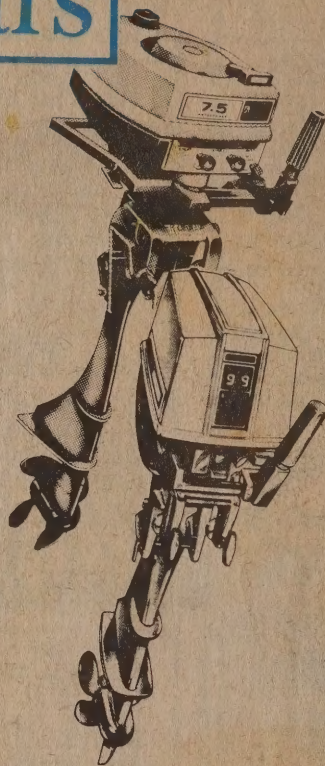
Sold Last Year For \$319.99
259⁹⁹



Sears 12-Foot Jon Boat

Painted boat of tough marine aluminum. 3 seats. Carry handles at bow and stern. Wood transom.

Sold Last Year For \$219.99
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Save \$70
7.5 HP
Motor with
Twist Grip
199⁹⁹

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Twist-grip throttle helps give single hand control of air cooled motor. Starts out of gear, shifts into gear. Features shallow water drive. Save now at Sears.

Save \$100
Ted Williams
9.9-HP Motor
459⁹⁹

Sold Last Year For \$559.99
Twin cylinder water-cooled motor. Features solid-state ignition, choke knob, idle adjustment and shallow water drive. Save now.



Save \$4
Tackle box with
6 trays

Regular \$15.99 **11⁹⁹**

Has 6 cantilever trays, 36 compartments, spill-resistant latch, more.



Save \$1.00 on
adult size
Buoyancy collar

Regular \$4.99 **3⁹⁹**

Bright orange yoke-style nylon shell with kapok flotation fill. Web belt and tie. Ideal for boating. \$4.99 child size.....4.29 \$4.99 small size.....4.49



Outboard Motor
Lubricants

6 Pack oil Regular \$5.49 In pt. cans **3⁹⁹** 6 Pack Gear grease Regular \$2.59 tube **1⁴⁹** 8 oz. Tube

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The adult course will be run on Thursday evenings for eight consecutive weeks from 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. starting April 21st. The youth course will run for four consecutive weeks on Saturday from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon, starting April 23rd. There is a \$6.50 charge for the text book used in the adult class. The courses are free. For additional information, you may call Janice Scheinker at 433-1382, or Sears Massapequa Store 795-3200, ask for Mr. Martin or Mr. Schwartz.

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